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## NEBRASKA'S JUNE 1, 2006 ACREAGE REPORT

Lincoln, Neb., June 30, 2006 -- Nebraska producers increased area devoted to soybeans, hay, sorghum, proso millet, and sugarbeets from a year ago, while decreasing area planted to corn, winter wheat, oats, dry edible beans, and sunflowers, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office.

Nebraska **corn** growers planted 8.3 million acres in 2006, down 2 percent from last year but 1 percent above 2004. Biotechnology varieties accounted for 76 percent of the planted acreage, up from 69 percent last year.

**Soybean** producers planted 4.85 million acres, up 3 percent from the previous year. The 2006 plantings are the second highest of record, 2 percent below the high of 4.95 million set in 2001. Of these acres, 90 percent are planted to biotechnology varieties resistant to herbicides, down 1 percent from last year.

Last fall, **winter wheat** was sown on 1.8 million acres, down 3 percent from 2005. Acres for harvest at 1.65 million are down 6 percent from 2005.

**Sorghum** growers planted 430,000 acres, 26 percent more than 2005 but 22 percent less than 2004.

**Alfalfa Hay** acreage for harvest, at 1.3 million, is up 4 percent from last year. **Other types of hay** cut are up 3 percent from a year earlier. **Proso Millet** plantings, at 145,000 acres, are up 7 percent from 2005. **Oat** seedings, at 140,000 acres, are down 7 percent from 2005. **Dry edible bean** producers planted 135,000 acres, down 23 percent from a year earlier. **Sugarbeet** plantings of 58,000 acres are up 20 percent from 2005. **Sunflower** acreage of 47,000 is down 52,000 acres, or 53 percent from a year ago.

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